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TITLE WILLIAM DANZIGER			CHARACTER OF CASE VCN ESPIONAGE-R INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

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from one E. E. ROBERTS, 512 Fern Place, N. W., Washington, D. C. The following investigation was conducted to identify E. E. ROBERTS.

On July 27, 1951 Miss MARY E. SLAYTON, Civilian Personnel Branch of the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, furnished the personnel file of EDWARD E. ROBERTS.

A review of this file reflects that EDWARD E. ROBERTS was born June 12, 1922, New York City, and at the time he submitted his application for employment, resided at 3163 - 18th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. ROBERTS received a temporary appointment on March 13, 1950 as a general labor mechanic, Bureau of Plant Industry, Agricultural Engineering Division, U. S. Department of Agriculture at Beltsville, for a period not to exceed 90 days. On June 30, 1950 this appointment was again extended for an additional 90 day period, expiring September 30, 1950. Records reflect that this employment was not further extended, and that ROBERTS ceased his employment at Beltsville on that date.

In his application for Federal employment, ROBERTS furnished the following employment history:

August 1941 - December 1945
U. S. Navy, Bureau of Ordnance, Gun Factory,
Washington, D. C.

June 1946 - May 1947
G. D. Fratkin - Atlas Building,
9th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.
(employed as a toolmaker)

June 1947 - 1950
Carnegie Institute
5421 Broad Branch Road, Washington, D. C.

The following addresses were noted on this application:

3163 - 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

512 Fern Place, N.W., Washington, D. C.
(most recent).

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This file further reflects that ROBERTS legally changed his name from ELI ROSENBERG to EDWARD E. ROBERTS prior to his employment at Beltsville, however, the year his name was changed is not indicated in the file. There is nothing of a derogatory nature contained in this file.

AT VIERS MILLS, MARYLAND

EDWARD E. ROBERTS, 4205 Garrett Park Road, Viers Mills, Maryland, was interviewed August 1, 1951 at his residence, during which he furnished the following information.

ROBERTS described WILLIAM DANZIGER as a personal friend of his, stating that he first met DANZIGER during July, 1939 through the following circumstances. ROBERTS mother, ANNA HELEN ROBBIN, arranged for her son to journey to Washington, D. C. from New York, with WILLIAM DANZIGER and another individual, believed to be MORTON SOBELL, however, ROBERTS is not sure about this.

ROBERTS explained that his mother observed a notice on the bulletin board in her place of employment in Washington, asking for riders from Washington to New York. ROBERTS believed that WILLIAM DANZIGER placed this notice on the bulletin board, and as a result he became acquainted with him.

ROBERTS stated that during the period 1939 to the time the subject left for California, he saw DANZIGER a few times, all of his contacts being of a social nature. Since DANZIGER's return from California, ROBERTS estimates that he has seen subject approximately a dozen times. He advised that he corresponds with subject and wife occasionally, and that he last saw DANZIGER in New York in October 1950. He explained that while visiting in New York his mother became seriously ill and that both he and his mother spent a few days in the DANZIGER home at 124 Featherbed Lane, New York City. ROBERTS further stated that the last letter received from DANZIGER was approximately two months ago.

ROBERTS, during the interview, advised that he does not wish to express an opinion about the loyalty of DANZIGER.

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He did recall that DANZIGER informed him sometime ago, exact time not recalled, that he, DANZIGER, had resigned his job at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory at White Hall, Maryland, because he was considered a poor security risk and that he thought it best that he resign. DANZIGER, according to ROBERTS, never again discussed this resignation with him and he never told him whether he was asked to resign or not.

ROBERTS advised that about two months after he obtained employment in the Naval Ordnance Plant in Washington, DANZIGER left for California and that he had no contact with him until his return to Washington, D.C., sometime after World War II. Since subject's return from California, ROBERTS stated that he has only met him occasionally and therefore, is in no position to furnish information regarding DANZIGER's activities since that time.

ROBERTS advised that he has no information that DANZIGER ever belonged to the Communist Party. He never discussed such matters with DANZIGER, and says that DANZIGER certainly never requested him to commit espionage for him and that he has no information that DANZIGER ever engaged in such activities.

ROBERTS further advised that he may have met MORTON SOBELL and MAX ELICHER once, however, he does not now recall the circumstances surrounding the meeting.

ROBERTS, during the interview, further advised that his mother, ANNA HELEN ROBBIN was socially acquainted with both SYLVIA and WILLIAM DANZIGER, however, he is confident that she could furnish no information regarding possible Communist Party affiliation on the part of either SYLVIA or WILLIAM DANZIGER, and further that she would have no information concerning any possible espionage activities in which DANZIGER may have been engaged.

ROBERTS explained that his mother has been seriously ill for sometime and that he feels that an interview with her would not be advisable at this time.

With reference to ROBERTS' military service, it should be noted that during the interview he advised that he was inducted into the United States Navy in Washington, D. C. on

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February 22, 1944, and was discharged for medical reasons from the Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, prior to the expiration of a 90 day period. When questioned for explanation as to "medical reasons", ROBERTS stated he could have been bothered mentally.

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 124 Featherbed Lane, New York City.

Information originally set forth in referenced
report.

The Los Angeles, San Francisco and WFO offices are
being furnished copies of this report in accordance with Bureau
instructions.

With reference to the lead requesting an interview
with ANNA HELEN ROBBIN, who is reported to have been an
acquaintance with WILLIAM DANZIGER, attention is called to the
fact that her son advised that his mother had been seriously
ill and advised against such an interview at this time.
Further, he believed that this individual possesses no
information pertinent to this investigation. It is therefore,
being left to New York as to whether an interview with this
individual should be conducted in the future.

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Report of Special Agent FRANCIS J. DUANE, dated
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